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HOLIDAY BREAK



We told my family to stay at our place because we would be in Mexico. How were we to figure that the Mexicans were kidnapping and robbing tourists (in MexicoCity?) So, we stayed home. There were people everywhere. We kept running out of food. My sister kept the phone tied up. My brother-in-law grabbed the morning paper. My husband wanted his den back. My mom (smart lady) kept quiet. The truth of the matter is that we had a lot of fun together and we're all still friends.

Carole

What I did on my Christmas Break.. By Diana Foote

Boy, this takes me back to grade school. Every year we had to write a paper titled "What I did on my summer vacation." Now, nearly 40 years later I find myself doing it again.

This past Christmas break I traveled to Africa and went on a Safari. I saw many interesting wild animals, creepy bugs, exotic foliage and some interesting tribal people. On the return trip, I stopped off in Paris, France. Some of the people there told me of their culture and showed me parts of their city. I was most fascinated with the people although there was some language problems. All-in all, it was a most wonderful trip. (Thanks ENCARTA*)

The week prior to the New Year, I enjoyed the company of my 2 nieces, Ginny (15) and Leah (13). We did some shopping so they could spend some money they received for Christmas. One evening, however, we decided to entertain two great nieces Alexandra (5) and Vicki (3) who can be quite a handful at times. I, for one, was glad to have extra help keeping them occupied. It was the first time the little ones had ever stayed the night at my house. I was afraid they might miss their mom and want to go home; instead, I was surprised when their mother came to get them the next day.. They cried to stay...

As much as I enjoyed my Christmas break, I was glad when it was over... I needed the rest!!!!!!

RESTED.. RESTED... RESTED....RESTED.....

Penny

My Christmas vacation - oh, boy, what DID I do?

Let me see if I can remember it for you.

I don't think I really got a lot of housework done,
And things on our "to do" list? Well, maybe just one.

But it was relaxing and peaceful - much better than last year.
(Two weeks off after learning a new job is a very big fear!)
I slept in every morning, at least until eight,
No big rush to get to work (Bill doesn't like you to be late!)

We did lots of little simple things for fun,
Me, my hubby, my daughter, and my son.
Just being together, just us four
Seemed to be the best Christmas I could have hoped for.

We saw family and friends from near and far
And realized how really blessed we are.
Our vacation seemed to fly by, like the whisper of wind,
And soon it was time to come back to work again.

But, every day can be like a "vacation" no matter where you are
To enjoy every moment of every day is not really so hard.
So, if any of you need to "get away" for awhile, just go out the door
And come to visit me on the LLRC first floor!

Have a good day,
Sharon

I had a wonderful time over Christmas holiday, I got one room cleaned in my house even the windows inside and out, now I can see the road in the front of my house..HA..HA
Other then that ..after trying to keep warm and running around doing errands I was ready to come back to work to rest..

Chris

Not much but it was great since I am not used to all those days off and I didn't have too many relatives to feed.

Pat

Spent a few days in Disney World. It was beautiful with lots of lights.

Nita

X-mass holidaze

After being inspected, detected, rejected, and subjected for having too many days off for the holidays, I began what was a splendid ruckus. It all started when my uncle Stu invited me to hang out every night till noon with his biker buddies, and swill beer, smoke Hemingway's, and play poker. Well, that didn't last but for 6 days or so. During the daytime hours I managed to keep trim by playing badminton, croquet, and polo. With all the hub bub over the holiday's I did allow time to be spent reading traditional Christmas stories to the kids at the orphanage and the runaway shelter.

Hank

Just before the holidays I got engaged. It was a total surprise. Also, Bob graduated from FAU with his Masters in Geography, and is working for the Town of Jupiter. Over the holidays, besides showing off my ring, we had a very nice Christmas with my family in Fort Myers. The day after Christmas the whole family and some friends went canoeing and kayaking in the Estero River and Bay. Then we went back to our new house. My sister from Minneapolis came with us. We have been very busy doing things at our new house. It's been a lot of fun.

Judy



Christmas vacation was a leisurely one...read two or three books; the new one by Kellerman was one of them. Also built three window boxes for the front of the house. Actually it turned out to be a joint effort between myself and Billy because after I built the boxes, cut the top and bottom rails—I found out that I could not handle the different mitre cuts that were needed to complete the Chippendale fretwork on the front of each box. I had even purchased a new electric mitre box for this express purpose. 45

degree angles I could get, the rest were not in my ability. Consequently, I called on dear Billy to cut the rest. There must have been almost 100 angles for the two boxes that we completed. There is, HOWEVER, one more box that Billy has not finished. If everyone would bug him to finish the last window box I would appreciate it!! Don't be too hard on him, though, because he and Brian did put in a koi pond in the backyard..it looks great! It's edged in brick set in mortar, has three lilies and a bamboo plant plus four koi. Both Billy and Brian are planning to build a bigger pond to put in MORE koi...I got to get them to do this work before they all decide to move out.

Marie



Read.Relaxed.Worked..Traveled..

I read several books, worked at my parent's home in Hobe Sound, and traveled to Tampa and Ormond Beach. It was a very relaxing time.

Estaline

Over my Christmas break I had an outrageous cold. It started on Saturday morning December 20th. On Monday, December 22nd, I went to the doctor who immediately put me on antibiotics, cough medicine and complete bed rest otherwise it could develop into bronchitis. The day after Christmas I lost my voice completely until New Year's Eve. My voice started to come back on New Year's Eve and I sounded like a frog. The day before returning to work, New Year's Day, I started to feel better. Two weeks later I finally feel that I won the battle of the cold and feel healthy again. Next Christmas I think I will go away on vacation.. It sounds like more fun!!!

Connie

My Xmas vacation was spent bonding with my kitchen and putting up Xmas lights on the outside of my house. That is to say, I baked, cooked and cleaned day. At the end of the day it was well worth bonding with my kitchen because the treats were out of this world ..delicious. and enjoyed by all.



Now, on the other hand, putting up Xmas lights on the outside of my home.. all alone.. was indeed a frightening matter. I had one eye on the lights and the other eye watching for the creepy crawler thing called a SNAKE. As you all know, I have a phobia where snakes are concerned. But through it all, the Lord watched

over and protected me as I threw each string of lights onto the hedge. And that my friends is how I spent my Xmas vacation.

Peaches (commonly known as Carolyn

Hmmm where shall I begin. It all started when I was the 10th caller on one of the local radio stations and won a trip for two to the Keys. I just couldn't believe it. a vacation ..in a vacation. After some running around we were off into the wild blue yonder. The drive wasn't too bad although I still don't like the 7 mile bridge. Pulling into the hotel we were greeted by an ambulance which had just picked up a guy who had evidently been running around the pool and busted his head against the pool side. note..there was no swimming in the pool since it had to be cleaned and drained because of the amount of blood . After settling in we decided to go sight seeing and the first place we went to was the Hemingway House. It was closed for repairs due to some vandals who had wrecked the place a few days before. So off we went to try our hand at jet skiing. The day was beautiful and we were having fun until the jet ski ran out of gas. This I hoped was not a sign of the weekend ahead. We were out in the middle of nowhere, no paddle, no radio. nothing but just two people and a whole lot of ocean. Let me tell you when you are stranded in the ocean there isn't a whole lot to do and the games "I see something and its blue" only works a few times when ya just don't have anything else to guess. Nightfall began and yes.. we were still there, hungry, tired and well beyond the normal meaning of "sun burnt." Squinting my eyes I noticed something moving in the water below us. My first thought was a fish or maybe a dolphin. boy was I wrong. We were being circled by SHARKS and they were getting closer by the minute. In the distance I thought I heard a boat but I wasn't sure. Suddenly we were engulfed by a bright bean of light and someone was yelling . We were saved, it was an old fishing boat who had been out late night fishing and saw us in the distance. After getting to shore and spending what seemed to be an eternity in the emergency room being treated for sun poisoning. the weekend was over and I came home. Now if you believe this was just too much.. I'll be glad to tell you that I really spent my time with my family and friends but I thought I'd throw an interesting story in the newsletter.

Thanks
Jenn



I traveled to Austin, Texas to Celebrate Christmas with my oldest daughter and family. I helped with the delivery of my second grandchild on December 29, 1997. My grandson was delivered by C-Section. I was invited into the OR to observe the delivery along with my son-in-law. Truly.. it was an awesome experience watching the birth of a child...8lbs 4oz. - 20 1/2" long... a healthy boy. I also cared for both grandchildren while my daughter was recuperating... a busy, busy time. It was a great time to count my blessings.

Anita



Cornwells Have an Enjoyable Time During Winter Break

The Cornwell family had a wonderful time during winter break. While we don't celebrate Christmas or New Year's, we can find many things to do. The year before, we took off for a vacation in Orlando and Dayona Beach, but this year we decided to stay home over most of the winter break — getting away for a short weekend stay at the end of the break. I'll tell you all about it later in this article. First, I should explain the main reason for staying home. I had decided to do something that Jehovah's Witnesses call "pioneering." While the Bible instructs us to be teaching the good news at all times, we also have special opportunities to set goals to put in an extra number of hours. "Pioneering" means that we commit to putting in 60 hours of teaching work during a given month. Since our entire family had 2 weeks off, we decided to commit one family member to accomplishing this goal. Usually, the other family members will provide assistance to the ones in the family who make this goal. It becomes an activity the entire family enjoys to accomplish. Even the kids become involved and are often asking when we are going to go out in the preaching work. If you are wondering why we do this, we follow examples given in the Bible: Luke 4:42-43, Acts 5:27-32, 41-42, Acts 20:20. If you are interested, look these up and read what they have to say.

Did we have some fun times? Yes. We had bought a new ping pong table and spent much time trying to improve our form in that game! We also had several gatherings with friends where we had tournaments to see who was the best ping pong player! My wife, Leanne, plays a mean game of ping pong!

I also got a lot of exercise over the break. Every afternoon I would take the kids bike riding with me. We would ride all over our development. We always enjoyed those times together! Over the first weekend of the new year, we were at my parents' house in Melbourne. You see, they have now retired to Florida and we get to see them more often. We got together with family and friends up there as I also have an aunt and other friends (from my hometown in upstate New York) who are in that area. What about the fact that we don't exchange gifts at Christmas? We exchange gifts at any time of the year. We really don't plan any special time of the year to do a real big gift giving. This makes receiving a gift even better because we truly are surprised when we receive it! We also set aside a time in August when Leanne and I celebrate our anniversary and we exchange a few gifts among the members of the family, but we really try to limit how much we do and not turn it into a large spending spree for

gifts. We keep in mind that we share gifts with one another at any time of the year. What about the fact that we don't celebrate Christmas at all (or any other holidays for that matter)? Well, if you are interested, ask me some time and I will tell you. Hope you all had as enjoyable a time as our family had.

Doug

I did the usual
 shopped
 baked
 decorated
 cooked
and played with Justin and his new toys.

Shirley

I didn't do a " " thing during the Christmas break much to my displeasure. I did do some physical labor in preparing my house to be placed on the market. The minister who had married Lois and me came for a short visit. That's all folks!!!!

Bill

What I did on Christmas Break was wait on my family. We were all sick at one time or another during this period of time. It was a VERY quiet Christmas day. We just all slept most of the time trying to heal our bodies. I believe we were all just run down from all the activities we do. I could go on and on and on with more of the same ,but I don't want to depress you. Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah!..

Susan

This last Christmas vacation I spent a lot of time "sitting." Sydney, a wonderful golden retriever, came to Camp Hogan while her owners spent the holidays at Lake Tahoe. My dalmatian, Tasha, stayed on the 2nd floor and let Sydney have the 1st floor. They pretty much ignored each other unless one of them wanted to go out. If one went outside, the other one wanted to go outside too. I spent a lot of time calling "Sydney, Tasha, Sydney, Tasha....." My other sitting job was house-sitting for a friend at Admirals Cove in Jupiter. Something usually goes wrong. One time it was a humongous rat in the pool. Last year it was a woodpecker in the bathroom. This year the plant stand collapsed and broken clay pots were all over the patio. What a mess!

Lisa

Unfortunately I had a very sad time during the break. my cat passed away and I was very depressed.. Pet lovers know what I mean.

Bonnie

New York, New York it's a wonderful town... I had a great time in Staten Island ... visiting relatives, friends, going to parties and seeing some shows. The weather was wonderful, not too cold and no snow, even though I would have enjoyed snow on Christmas Eve. The Versace exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Arts very interesting.. All in all.. it was a wonderful visit.



Rosemarie

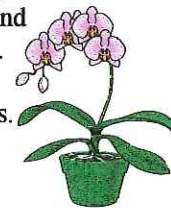
What I did for Christmas Vacation??

I Enjoyed the time off, we had some relatives visit for a few days, had a big Christmas dinner. I had to build another window box - unfortunately there are three windows, and my brother and I bought a fish pond and set it in the back yard.

Billy



On our Christmas vacation we travelled. Christmas Day we had Christmas dinner at my mother's. The day after Christmas we went to my dad's in Sebring. Then we went to Orlando to be with Dave's aunt and his cousins and their kids. We had a real nice time. Later in the week I got to enjoy working with the orchids I had gotten for my birthday and Christmas. I even took time to plant some impatiens around the tree in the front yard.



Kathy

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No News is Good News?

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NEWFACES

Danita Moreno



Prior to being hired as Brian's secretary, I worked in student Services for almost two years. I started out in the Counseling Reception area where I met Connie Smith. About the time she was transferring to Word Processing, I moved into the Dean's office as his secretary. I am originally from Detroit, Michigan. I've lived in Florida for 18 years. I am currently attending FAU, working towards my Bachelors in Fine Arts. In addition to working at PBCC, I also work part-time at the Raindancer Restaurant on weekends. I've been an employee at that establishment for almost 8 years. I am a true advocate of physical fitness. I enjoy running, rollerblading, walking, biking, and weight lifting. Other interests include reading and sewing. I look forward to getting to know everyone in the LLRC.

Amber Kippitch



I have been part time employee for the Media Department since October 1997. I have completed over 60 credit hours at Palm Beach Community College. I'm anxiously waiting to start Nursing school in September. When I'm not at PBCC I'm working at my second job or taking a class.

JANE'S RETIREMENT PARTY



Good food
set the mood
for the brood.

Breakfast time
was sublime
by design.

Friends and kin
All joined in
To the din.

Our surprise
(Weren't we wise?)
Opened her eyes!

Off we send
our good friend
to work's end.

Bittersweet
But we'll meet
On Retirement Street!



Carole



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